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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement HCA Healthcare, Inc. [HCA] Whalen Kathleen M (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2019 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ONE PARK PLAZA (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person NASHVILLE, TNÂ 37203 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One SVP & Chief Ethics Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 6,871 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | |
|--|--|-----------------|--|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | Derivative Security | | or Exercise | Form of | Ownership | |
| | | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | Derivative | (Instr. 5) | |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative | Security: | | |
| | | | | | Security | Direct (D) | | |
| | | | | | | or Indirect | | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------|-----|------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|-------------------|---|
| Stock Appreciation Right | (1) | 11/06/2023 | Common Stock | 1,750 | \$ 45.3 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | (2) | 11/06/2023 | Common Stock | 2,250 | \$ 45.3 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | (3) | 02/05/2024 | Common Stock | 2,625 | \$ 47.97 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | (4) | 02/05/2024 | Common Stock | 2,100 | \$ 47.97 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | (5) | 02/04/2025 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 68.96 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | (6) | 01/29/2026 | Common Stock | 3,760 | \$ 69.58 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | (7) | 02/01/2027 | Common Stock | 4,040 | \$ 81.96 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | (8) | 01/31/2028 | Common Stock | 5,040 | \$ 101.16 | D | Â |
| Stock Appreciation Right | (9) | 10/31/2028 | Common Stock | 13,730 | \$ 133.53 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|
| • 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Whalen Kathleen M ONE PARK PLAZA NASHVILLE, TN 37203 | Â | Â | SVP & Chief Ethics Officer | Â | | |

Signatures

/s/ Virginia Chase Crocker, Attorney-in-Fact 01/10/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The stock appreciation rights vested in four equal annual installments beginning on November 6, 2014.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vested at the end of fiscal years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 based upon the achievement of certain annual EBITDA performance targets.
- (3) The stock appreciation rights vested in four equal annual installments beginning on February 5, 2015.
- (4) The stock appreciation rights vested at the end of fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 based upon the achievement of certain annual EBITDA performance targets.

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- (5) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 4, 2016.
- (6) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 29, 2017.
- (7) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 1, 2018.
- (8) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 31, 2019.
- (9) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning on October 31, 2019.

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